

Great Canal Cleanup - 2006

Building Canal Stewards

**Be Part of It on
Sunday, October 29 and beyond...**

(RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER PREDICTIONS)

At the canals and Canalway of Lowell... sign up as a volunteer canal cleaner.

Why Join In?

Lowell's canals are an asset to the unique historic character of the city. Ongoing attention to their appearance, along the walkways and in the canal beds, benefits everyone: the city's residents, business, organizations of, and visitors to, the city. Become a part of those who take action to keep the Canalway and RiverWalk of Lowell looking great! October 28 is one day that we're asking for your help in cleaning up Lowell's canals. We're also asking for you to discover how you can become active in this effort in an ongoing manner.

Organizers:

The Honorable Martin T. Meehan, U.S. Representative; City of Lowell; Boott Hydropower, Inc.; Lowell National Historical Park

Pre-Event Information:

- Information for signup, job descriptions, waivers, and other activities is available on the web at www.nps.gov/lowe or by contacting Lowell National Historical Park Volunteer Program at 978-275-1740 or via email at Lowell_NHP_Volunteers@nps.gov.
- If you are planning to attend the cleanup, please email or phone the Volunteer Program to let us know in advance, so that we can be prepared for the number of volunteers.

Volunteer Registration and Reporting:

At 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, 10/29 for this clean-up at the Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street, Lowell, MA. **All** those participating in the clean-up are asked to report to this location.

Areas of work assignments and what you'll be doing:

Volunteers of many abilities are sought. There are four primary canal areas that this clean-up will focus on... When you arrive at registration, you will participate in an introduction and safety session and receive your assignment.

The day's focus is removing trash, debris, vegetation, and whatever doesn't belong in and along the Canalway of Lowell.

Requirements:

- All volunteers must wear layered clothes appropriate for the day's weather, with long pants and sturdy footwear that are okay to get dirty/muddy. A limited number of participants will be working in the canal beds. Bring your own knee-high waterproof boots if you are interested in working in the canals. It's hands-on work in a wet and damp setting that will be taking place. Gloves must be worn: you may bring your own gloves, or we will provide them as available. Safety equipment for specific assignments will be provided.
- All participants will be signing up as Volunteers with Lowell National Historical Park with the required paperwork completed and submitted at registration.
- Youth under 18 years must also complete the volunteer agreement form for parental permission. For clean-up activities, those under 16 years must participate as part of a registered youth organization or be accompanied by an adult over 21. Youth organizations, please contact the number above for specific child/adult ratios.



Consider an ongoing contribution:

Many who live and work in historic Lowell are interested in the positive changes that have taken place during the City's resurgence. Would you like to make a contribution toward continuing that trend?

Canal Stewardship Group: sign up for beyond October 28 and receive training in one of two engaging areas...

- remain actively involved in the ongoing maintenance and development of Lowell's Canalway and Riverwalk. For more information, check out the websites of Lowell Canalwaters Cleaners at www.canalwaters.org; Lowell: The Flowering City at www.floweringcity.org; Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust at www.lowelllandtrust.org; and Keep Lowell Beautiful at www.keeplowellbeautiful.org.

OR,

- learn the canal and city history and share that with the public at gatehouses or other locations on a continuing basis. Contact Lowell National Historical Park Volunteer Program at 978-275-1740

The Lowell Heritage Partnership/Canal Stewardship Endowment: An endowment, coordinated by LHP, to assure that the Canalway remains a source of pride for the community through coordinated management and maintenance.